

Day 18 of Elul 19th month of 5777 (*Jewish*) - Sept 16, 2017 (*Gregorian*)



Beit Gan-Eden

בֵּית גַּן-עֵדֶן

A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Parashah 51 Nitzavim ~*Standing*
and Vayelekh ~*He went*
Day 24 of the 6th month (*Biblical*)



BGEMC a Charter member of CTOMC - ctomc.ca

Video streaming live and on demand via our website
bgemc.org

TEHILLAH ~Service of Praise

Welcome to Beit Gan-Eden! ~House [of] Paradise. We are gathered here in the name of our righteous Messiah, Yeshua, to worship our Heavenly Abba ~Father. Yeshua tells us. "Y'HoVaH is Spirit and worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Yochanan (John) 4:24. **Shabbat Shalom, everyone!**

TEFILLAH ~Service of Prayer

All sing: "Sh'ma Yisrael, Y'HoVaH Eloheinu, Y'HoVaH echad. (Deu 6:4)
Baruch Shem kavod malchuto, le'olam va'ed!"

All say: "Hear, O Isra'el, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, Y'HoVaH is one!

Blessed be His Name. His glorious Kingdom is for ever and ever. Amein".

Leader: "V'ahavta et Y'HoVah elohecha b'kol l'vav'cha u'v'kol nafsh'cha u'v'kol m'odecha." **All say:** "And you shall love Y'HoVaH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (Deut 6:5)
And Yeshua said: "Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Torah and the prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot." (Mat 22:37-40)

Leader: "Y'HoVaH hu Yeshua HaMashiach". (Phil 2:11; 1Cor 12:3; Luke 2:11)

All say: "Yeshua the Messiah He is LORD". Amen.

B'RACHOT YELEDIM ~Blessing the Children ברכות ילדים

Prayer for boys from Gen 27:27b-29. May Y'HoVaH make you, like Efrayim and M'nasheh ... Prayer for girls from Num 6:24-26. May Y'HoVaH make you, like Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah...

All pray together: "Heavenly Abba preserve these children for their fathers and mothers. May they be led into a life of obedience and faith through the Tanakh and Ketuvei HaShelichim. Blessed are You, Yah of Avraham, Yitz'hak and Ya'akov, who watches over these precious children of Your servants. We ask this in Yeshua's Name, Amein.

SHABBAT SHUL ~School

Children ages 6 (Prep) to 12 may attend with Mark Batakin and his assistant. Younger children may attend with a parent. Shabbat Shul begins in the adjoining room, straight after "Blessing the Children"; prior to the Parashah readings. Shabbat Shul ends at the start of the "Yeshua Remembrance Service".

Parents, please resume proactive responsibility for your children at this time and note that children running around inside is not authorised by building management.

Ordained Messianic Ministers: Tamar & Ken 'Malachi' Yeomans
1/69 Falconer Street, Southport (PO Box 3289 Australia Fair) Qld 4215
Office: +61 (0)7 5528 5955 Fax +61 (0)7 5528 5977
Tamar +61 (0)4 1875 0577 Malachi +61 (0)4 1874 5120 Email: info@bgemc.org



PRAYER FOR THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL *(Matt 15:24)*

MISHPACHAH ~family MEMOS

TORAH PEARLS TODAY AFTER LUNCH

DONATION OPTIONS FOR BEIT GAN-EDEN SUPPORTERS

Cash or cheque in the blue & white offering box; EFTPOS Pay-Wave self-serve; PayPal to info@bgemc.org; "Donate" buttons on www.bgemc.org and Direct deposit. Acct: BEIT GAN-EDEN LIMITED. BSB: 06 4430 Acct: 1110 6647 International: Bic/Swift Code: CTBAAU2S. Account Number: 06443011106647

VIDEOS OF BGEMC SERVICES ARE LIVE & ON DEMAND

NOTE: The broadcast video is whomever & whatever appears on the big screen. Watch video go to www.bgemc.org & click or tap the Livestream button, whereas for audios of the drash or whole service, use DOWNLOADS tab on our website.

BOOKS & RESOURCES www.bgemc.org/links

TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 51-52 Nitzavim ~Standing - Vayelekh ~He went

Torah: D'varim ~Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30;
Haftarah (Prophets): Yesha'yahu ~Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9 ;
Hoshea ~Hosea 14:2-10; Mikhah ~Micah 7:18-20;
Yo'el ~Joel 2:15-27
Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):
Romans 9:30 - 10:13;
Messianic Jews ~Hebrews 12:14-15; 13:5-8

Drashah ~message: MMin Sean "Isaac" Nicholson

Notes:
.....

BGEMC Gold Coast (Saturdays 10am)
Prana Centre. (behind Cafe Prana)
832 Southport-Ne rang Road,
Nerang, Qld 4211 info@bgemc.org

BGEMC Adelaide (Saturdays 9:30am)
Leader: Annette 04 0444 3088
(phone or email for details)
Email: bgemc.adelaide@gmail.com



The Australian Bureau of Statistics conducts national opinion postal survey.

The YES or NO question is:

“Should the law be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry?”

Here’s why the YES CASE IS SHODDY

“Deception on freedom of religion key to SSM Yes case’

*Last Wednesday in a national newspaper **The Australian** Paul Kelly brilliantly articulates ‘Why [the] YES case is shoddy’.*

September 13, 2017

No article better explains how politicians are willfully misleading voters when it comes to changing the Marriage Act.

With the Yes case positioned to win the postal plebiscite, it is more important than ever the misleading and false claims of its advocates — that there is no religious issue at stake — be confronted and the ramifications put on the table.

These claims are made by senior

Coalition and Labor politicians. Indeed, it seems they think rejection of the religious argument is fundamental to the success of their campaign. This is alarming because it implies the Yes case depends on persuading the public of a false proposition.

The government and parliament, despite years of emotional debate, declined to address the wider religious freedom question. The political class engaged instead in a great pretence: that the only such issue concerned the wedding ceremony and protections in the Marriage Act for clergy and celebrants, an extremely narrow view of religious freedom.

Given legalisation of same-sex marriage means the laws of the state and laws of most religions will be brought into direct conflict over society's most essential institution, the one certainty is ongoing legal and political trench warfare over the balance between acceptance of the same-sex marriage norm and the scope for freedom of belief and religion.

There is a litany of examples from the overseas experience. Fatuous remarks that “the world hasn't come to an end” in countries that have legislated same-sex marriage are just that —

and designed to deceive.

Having refused to confront the issue the advocates of the Yes case now get agitated and self-righteous when it has become an issue in the plebiscite. This was inevitable. While some aspects of the No case are obnoxious, its warnings about religious freedoms risks are entirely valid. What matters is that the many highly intelligent political champions of the Yes case are trapped: they are selling a shoddy intellectual bill of goods and many of them know it.

The first point is that religious freedom guarantees in this country are inadequate. This was agreed and documented in February's Senate select committee report. Unlike many Western nations, Australia has no statutory expression of a stand-alone right to religious freedom. There are far greater legal protections in relation to sexual orientation than in relation to religious belief.

This is an anomaly given that under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights freedom of religion is an inviolable right. The risk now is our parliament undermining Australia's commitment to the ICCPR.

Evidence presented to the Senate committee shows that statutory protection of religious belief is weak

both in federal law and a number of states. It mainly exists as "exemptions" from anti-discrimination law. The Anglican Diocese of Sydney made the obvious point to the committee that this failed to treat freedom of belief and religion as a fundamental human right. Marriage Alliance said: "We submit that religious freedom is a fundamental human right (and) that framing a debate in terms of exemptions misunderstands this fact."

There was strong support in submissions for parliament to legislate to enshrine religious guarantees as a protected attribute in federal anti-discrimination law. This is the pivotal point. The committee unanimously agreed there was a "need to enhance current protections for religious freedom". The Human Rights Law Centre said: "Religious freedom should be protected in law. Indeed, we are on record in a number of inquiries supporting the addition of religious belief to protections under federal anti-discrimination law."

Committee chairman Liberal David Fawcett warned that "if Australia is to remain a plural, tolerant society where different views are valued and legal" then such action on religious freedom is essential. What was the reaction of the Turnbull government

and Labor to the Senate report?

It varied between disregard and contempt. The reason is apparent — politics. Labor has abandoned any interest in addressing the inadequacy of religious protection laws with its embrace of the LGBTI cause. As for the Coalition, the story is the weakness of its conservative caucus. The deeper point is the churches are vulnerable and the politicians know it.

The lamentable situation was summarised by the University of Sydney's Patrick Parkinson: "There have been numerous bills introduced into parliament to enact same-sex marriage over the last few years and what has been common to most of them has been a minimalist protection for freedom of conscience."

The second core conclusion is that this battle over rights will continue after same-sex marriage is legislated. In Denmark the Lutheran Church has had its rights restricted. The Swedish PM has said priests should no more be allowed to refuse to marry same-sex couples than medical professionals should be exempt from abortion procedures. The Speaker of the British House of Commons says "proper equal marriage" won't happen until the churches are compelled to obey by law. Australian

Greens formally say they want the religious exemptions in anti-discrimination law to be wound back. Many in the ALP left have the same view.

We are being put on notice. You would have to be politically blind to deny the reality (an option many politicians have deliberately chosen). The post-same-sex marriage battle is already under way. This is because while many people genuinely see same-sex marriage as an issue of non-discrimination, this was never its essence. It is an ideological cause seeking fundamental changes in Western society, laws and norms. It will continue apace after the law is changed.

Marriage equality is an ideology and ideologies, by nature, do not settle for compromise victories. As Benjamin Law says in Quarterly Essay: Moral Panic 101: "It might be stating the obvious but same-sex marriage is far from the final frontier in the battle against homophobia." The struggle will continue — in schools and in institutions. Law says the two biggest LGBTI issues are Safe Schools and same-sex marriage.

He says Safe Schools is "supposed to discomfort people" by up-ending how we see gender and sexuality. He talks about exploding accepted norms with

queer theory, inviting “people to reconsider why anyone should be obliged to identify as female or male at all”. The aim is to introduce Safe Schools across the country and make it compulsory.

The pretence by Yes case politicians that the plebiscite has no consequences for the Safe Schools program treats us like fools. Legislation of same-sex marriage will tilt the scales decisively in this struggle between sexual rights and religious freedom. This legal and cultural change will influence decision-makers everywhere — public servants, corporates, media and educational institutions.

The churches will remain a prime target and the fact their protections are weak makes them highly vulnerable once the assault gains momentum.

The Yes case bases its campaign on human rights but misses the exquisite irony that you cannot cherry-pick human rights and keep your integrity. As Parkinson said, consistency of principle means those who justify their campaign on human rights need to give proper consideration to how rights can be balanced.

That hasn't happened in Australia, not even remotely. Every sign is Australia

will legalise same-sex marriage devoid of any serious attention to religious freedom issues and, as a result, religious protections will be exposed and sacrificed.

The politicians are doing this because they think they can get away with it. They are entitled to that judgment. What they are not entitled to is a gross deception. The assurances they give on religious protection are worthless — their inaction proves that.

People, regardless of how it affects their vote, need to know the reality.

Paul Kelly, The Australian

Notes:

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....



YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Leader: ³¹ "Here, the days are coming," says Y'HoVaH, "when I will make a new Covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part violated My Covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Y'HoVaH. ³³ "For this is the Covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says Y'HoVaH, "I will put My Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their Elohim, and they will be My people. (Yirem'yahu ~Jeremiah 31:31-33)

Congregation: Isa 12:2 **"See! Elohim is my salvation; I am confident and unafraid; for Y'HoVaH Elohim is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation!"** Isa 12:3 Then you will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation. Ps 3:8 Victory comes from Y'HoVaH; may Your blessing rest on Your people. Ps 46:7 Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot is with us, our fortress, the Elohim of Ya'akov.

Leader: "Baruch ata Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, ha motze lechem m'in ha eretz."

Divide Chullah ~platted loaf

Congregation: "Blessed are You Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the Universe who has brought forth bread from the earth. Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot, how happy is anyone who trusts in You! (Ps 84:12). Give victory Y'HoVaH! Let the King answer us the day we call. (Ps 20:9) I will take the cup of redemption and call upon the Name, Y'HoVaH. (Ps 116:13).

Leader: (with cup in right hand) "The cup of deliverance I raise and in the Name of Y'HoVaH, Yeshua HaMashiach, I call: Baruch atah Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech, ha'olam, boray p'ri ha'gafen." (Replace cup with spices)

Congregation: Blessed are You, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Leader: Lifting spice container in right hand, says... "Baruch atah Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, boray meenee besamim."

Congregation: Blessed are You, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the various spices.

Leader: As Avram gave to Malki-Tzedek according to B'resheet ~Genesis 14:18-20, let us all come, make our offering, take some Chullah; smell the spices; take your cup and return to your seats and wait, so we can partake together.

Leader: Pray in relation to what Yeshua has done in connection with the day's Torah portion. "Let us eat and drink together".

Aharonic Blessing (Hebrew & English) from Tamar & Malachi (Num 6:22-27)

Leader: Our Abba and Elohim of our fathers, we thank you for the joy and rest of this Shabbat. May the coming week bring gladness & peace, health & achievement. Like the fragrance of the besamim, we pray that the days ahead bring sweetness to our lives and the lives of our loved ones. May the peace, which we are enjoying linger till we gather for Shabbat next week.

We ask this in Yeshua's name, Amein.

